

AMENDMENT

Please amend the claims as follows:

12. (Amended) The ~~nucleic acid~~ molecule of claim 11 wherein the flexible linker [is of the formula (Gly₄Ser₃)₃] is a peptide which is a triple repeat of the amino acid sequence wherein three glycine residues are followed by a serine residue in the N → C direction.

REMARKS

The amendment to claim 12 eliminates the necessity for including any additional sequences in the sequence listing previously submitted. Support for this wording is found in Figure 1 in the portion designated "Linker." It will be noted that the sequence set forth in the claim previously was actually in error.

No new matter has been added and entry of the amendment is respectfully requested. It is believed that this cures the deficiencies in the previous sequence listing submission.

In the unlikely event that the transmittal letter is separated from this document and the Patent Office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, applicant petitions for any required relief including extensions of time and authorizes the Assistant Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to **Deposit Account No. 03-1952** referencing docket no. 313332000100. However, the Assistant Commissioner is not authorized to charge the cost of the issue fee to the Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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